FROM THE NOVINCER HILLS.

DEER HOME CIRCLE:-Having read so many very good and instructive letters in your column, I will try to say a few words. As I think we have decided to let everybody get i reakfast to suit themselves, I will not tell you how ! get mine, but will tell you this, we have a very simple meal, cons sting chiefly of bread, butter, meat, molasses, eggs, and coffee. Our kindling is prepared the evening before, "my better half" building the fire in winter, saying that I must co it in summer, or do without, which is not to be thought of.

A question that perplexe- me, a great . eal more than getting the morntired of such things all the time. I like to have a change sometimes.

But let us not stop long on such subjects as these, as there are plenty ofhother things, that a farmer's wife needs to do. I often am at a loss to know how to keep my house in order, that is, neat and home-like: for if I clean one corner, upon looking around I am sure *to find another place that claims my attention also, or else it will soon be hidden by the dust.

My spacious halls are limited; as my house consists of only one room, which must serve for kitchen, pantry, dairy, and parlor, all at one and the same

more of the same kind. It every one the plainest meal. were they to try.

I will not tell how to make fancy work this time, as I do not know how to make a great variety, but will send it some other time if this is accepted.

know what to do with my own. Some people throw them under the bed.

Suppose we bury them awhile. AUST SUE.

THAT EVERLASTING PIPE.

"How I do wish your old rape could and about a hundred other articles,

no business to enter the "Home Circle," else, and well repays the trouble of culfor look how John Christopher Con-tivation. stant was snubbed. Come out John, let's hear from you again. However, 1 ornamentation that has become so shall risk the snubs, open the door myself, walk in uninvited, and tell you but I do think, a due regard for order bow I made a case for the pipe and to- and neatness and the trifling additional bocco.

that I will make a mess of it; you see education of one's children in the love she has not as good an opinion of my of the pure and beautiful.—Western S BRIGHT, excuse all mistakes, a poor pen, bad grammer, &c., &c., &c., &c., and just consider the martyrdom that I undergo tor the benefit of the smokers.

The first thing I did, was to procure a board eight inches wide and sixteen inches long, saw off the corners from one end, so as to give it an octagonal form, cover it with pale drab or and choice spring butter is packed up, light brown paper, and put an inch it can be marketed when prices are bet wide hand of gilt paper all around the edge. Bore two holes opposite the cutoff corners, run through them, the ends of a long picture-cord and tie to-gether at the back.

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Nancy said "I am glad you are of some use. She can't scold about , the pipe now, but I see her on the alert for some le you know.

Nancy did with it, as it may cause trouble in otherwise peaceful families. soul," so I'll up and "fess" like Topsy.

Nancy became slightly irritated one day because the poor, much abused boot-jack fell into the four tray when she was mixing buscuit. Grabbing the article in one floury hand, she shook her list at me and started to use it for kindling wood; I interposed with my part; for before I could say "Jack Robit in two pieces. Now there is no bootjack at our house, and I either sleep in my boots, or pull them off under a fence A MARTYE. corner.

Salt River Township, Mo.

Spring.

I am not going to write an essay on spring, but when I read "Young gardener's" suggestion about morning glories and then looked out at my window and saw the snow-storm of the ing meal, is "what shall I get for din-season, my wildest imagination could ner to-day?" Now, of course tar- net fancy a morning glory. But better mers generally have vegetables, such be ahead of time than to be behind it. as potatoes, beans, turnips, and some There is nothing that I know of that is apples, (which, by the way, are yery prettier than this old, despised, much scarce now). But who wouldn't get abused vine. Only plant them where they will be shaded and give plenty of water, and they will 'repay us by an abundance and variety of blossoms. ers. and good ones, too. As I am not The madeira vine is another that reblessed with five, nor seven boys, to do quires lots of water. For covering for. I cannot truly sympathize with "E. porches, or any place to be screened S," and "Fair Play," although I some- from the sun, get a wild grape vine; GREAT WEST INDIA PAIN KING times think I have enough to contend and when the trees are out in full leaf, with, with only one little girl 'just two your screen is green, and you do short summers old," besides the 100001 not need to wait until midsummer for it to grow. Virden, Ill.

Setting the Table.

The art of setting a table neatly and effectively is considered by many persons of the smallest importance. If the cooking be well done, the bread light, steak juicy, coffee good, etc., it may not matter much to a hungry man how it is placed upon the table, Ready. I must send my thanks to the writers, but a snow white table cloth, bright who have told how to make articles of knives and forks and spoons, polished utility, which are beautiful as well. I goblets and shining dishes, would PAINS AND intend to profit by them. Let us have make attractive and give a relish to

will lend a helping har i, or a pen we One cannot expect a farmer's wife can have a very interesting corner. I to spend much of her valuable time letters from pens of mothers wives, in ornamenting the dinner table. daughters, men, bach-lors, and in fact When innumerable household duties, any one that con send as an interesting the care of children, husband, and sevletter, or tell us sometling new or use. eral hired men to cook for, and no ful. Why should, we not, if the editor help, this could not be expected, but is kind enough to allow us space? The it is just as easy to put dishes on neady hills here around Novinger, have some and in order, as to throw them down people who could help to fill our page in a carcless, higgledy-piggledy way. For example, a handful of radishes thrown together on a plate, will make a pleasing ornament, if placed in a goblet with neatly cut tops uppermost. I would like to tell Patty Plum what If cold meat is served for supper, it to do with her boot-jack, but I hardly make a great deal of difference whether it is put on in the platter in which Call and rive it a trial it appeared at dinner, or in thin slices cut and laid tidily on a plate.

A little tasteful decoration requires so little time and is so appetizing and refining, that it always fully repays for the slight extra trouble. A few moments spent in placing leaves around the dish of berries, a few leaves and stay in some place besides my work- tendrils among the grape clusters, a basket." This annable remark came rosebud and fern-leaf in a delicate vase from the lips of my excited "better will gratify the eye and give an added half," when she found the offending zest to the supper. A housekeeper pipe tolerably well mixed with her will find a few roots of parsley form needles, thread, pins, buttons and an unlimited source from which to beautify her table. A few leaves about which are usually found in a woman's ed with a snowy cloth and shining china, give a delicacy and brightness There is a tradition that a man has more effective than almost anything

I am no advocate of the excessive marked a feature of fashionable life decorations will add much not only to Naney (that is my better haif) says refinement of one's home, and the the pleasure of eating, but also to the

How to Keep Good Butter.

If every farmer who makes butter would take the American Dairyman, published in New York City for \$1.50 a year, they would learn how to make good butter, and to make money out of it. It proper packages are procurred

Next I took two, pint oyster-cans, and ence that good butter put up after the a coffee-extract can. Melted out the tops, and covered them with the same produced with the tops, and covered them with the same package a tub somewhat tapering with paper; also putting on gilt bands at heavy staves and heads provided at PAPER HANGING, GRAINING top and bottom. A shingle aail fasten-both ends, so as to make a package ed each one to the board back. The that will not leak. In packing the tub two pint cans side by side, and the lit- is turned on the small end, and a sack tle can above them near the top. One of cotton cloth is made to fit the tub. can holds my pipe, the other the tobac- and into this the butter is packed withco, and the little one holds matches. I in an inch of the groove for holding bung it in a convenient place and the upper head. A cloth is next laid upon the top of the butter and the edges of the sack brought over this and neatly pressed down; then the head is other fault. When she finds it, I will down. The package is now turned upon A. the large end and the sack of butter

side and top. Strong brine is then one, and I almost fear to tell you what hole is tightly corked, and the butter is pretty effectually excluded form the air. But "Open confession is good for the Where only a small quantity of butter RULES GOVERNING THE GRAPHIC is to be preserved, L. B. Arnold advises packing it in self-sealing fruit jars. By this plan a little brine is put into the jar, which is then packed not quite full of granulated butter. Some bleached muslin is laid over the butter, then the little pace above filled with salt, and finallylenough strong brine, for, or deposit the price of the book made from butter salt, poured in to fill taken, as security for the same. soft sweet voice; but there was not the can. Mr-Willard advises when time for much remenstrance on my packing roll butter in jars that the only one week, though by permission brine be made strong enough to bear inson, the boot-jack came down with a an egg. To three gallons of this brine crash on my devoted head, which split he suggests adding a quart of a pound of white sugar and one tablespoonful unnecessarily injured or soiled will be of saltpeter. Boil the brine and when required to make the damage good. it is cool strain carefully. Make the butter in rolls and wrap each roll separately in white muslin cloth. Pack the jar full, weight the butter down, and submerge in brine." - Western Agriculturist.

> A valuable communication in answer | Bee. Franklin to "Phoenix," which we greatly desired Henry Clay to appear this week, is unavoidably Mar in Luther crowded out. We hope our correspon- Patrick Henry dent will not become discouraged.

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